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# Owl Post

The official weekly newsletter  
of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

## Upcoming Events



**February**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Raising money for the American Heart Association.

**February 18**

**Walk-In**

**9:30am**

*STEM K-8*

**February 22**

**Franklin HS Lion Dancers**

**9:30am**

*STEM K-8 Gymnasium*

**February 23**

**Global Reading Challenge**

**2:00pm**

*STEM K-8 Cafeteria*

**February 26**

**Spirit Wear Day**

*STEM K-8*



**March 2**

**Read Across America Day**

*STEM K-8*

Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character. More details soon!

**March 3**

**PTA Meeting**

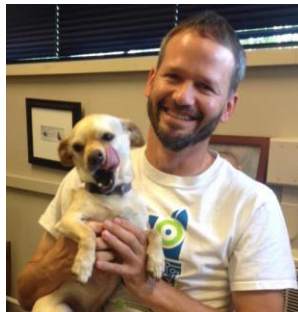
**6:30pm-8:00pm**

*Boren Library*

Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

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## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

Hope you got some extra family time engaging in exploratory construction and reading over the long weekend. The last week of February always marks a vital time for SPS staff calendars. Schools receive

enrollment projections and budget allocations at the end of February. To get an overview and provide feedback on the 2016-17 STEM K-8 school budget, join us at the March 3 PTA meeting.

Which is a timely moment to highlight the importance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Auction--*Out of This World*--on March 26 from 5:30pm-11:00pm at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Without the vital participation of STEM families and friends, few of the things that you love at STEM would be possible. Project Based Learning, enrichment activities, materials for Next Gen Science learning, and much much more happen in conjunction with PTA support.

**Get your tickets and more information at:**

[louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016](http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016)



Sincerely,  
Benjamin Ostrom  
*Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal*

## Upcoming Events (continued)

**March 14**

**Pizza Pi Night**

**6:00pm**

*STEM K-8 Cafeteria*

\$10 donation if you can!

**March 23**

**2-hour early dismissal**

**1:40pm**

*STEM K-8*

Pick your Owls up at 1:40pm.

**March 25**

**Spirit Wear Day**

*STEM K-8*

**March 26**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Auction**

**"Out of This World"**

**5:30pm-11:00pm**

*Hall at Fauntleroy*

**April 7**

**PTA Meeting**

**6:30pm-8:00pm**

*Boren Library*

**April 11 – April 15**

**No School**

Spring Break

**April 29**

**Spirit Wear Day**

*STEM K-8*

**May 2 – May 6**

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

*STEM K-8*

**May 5**

**PTA Meeting**

**6:30pm-8:00pm**

*Boren Library*

Check out the school calendar [here](#).



## Walk-In Day – Tomorrow, February 18!



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 STUDENTS, STAFF and FAMILIES are invited to wear red to school on Thursday, February 18 - RED FOR ED(ucation) - to show support.

Students may wear as much red as they like (tops, bottoms, etc) but any item that is not red should be school uniform).

Our PTA Advocacy Booth opens at 9am. Please stop by in the morning on your way in to school.

This is a national campaign that will be taking place in all Seattle Public Schools, to bring awareness to the current state of our underfunded public schools.

[Nationwide Walk-Ins](#) (please note, SPS Walk-In Day is Feb. 18)

## Be a Heart Hero!



Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association through **Jump Rope for Heart!** Ms. Gray kicked off Jump Rope for Heart in PE class last week -- you should have received all the details in "kid mail" before mid-winter break.

This is our fourth year participating in this great event! Donations are due this Friday, February 19. Please email Ms. Gray [ghgray@seattleschools.org](mailto:ghgray@seattleschools.org) if you have any questions.

## School Tours – Volunteers Needed



School tours are well underway but there's still room for more volunteer tour leaders. The remaining tours take place every Wednesday and Friday morning from February 17 to 26. We need elementary and middle school families to share their experiences and show prospective families our school. If interested send an email to [tours@stemk8pta.org](mailto:tours@stemk8pta.org)

If you know any families who would like to find out more about STEM K-8, please point them in the direction of our [PTA website](#) where they can rsvp for tours.

## Stay Connected

[PTA Website](#) – all things PTA (become a member, volunteer, shop and earn, how YOU can be involved).

[STEM K-8 school website](#) – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).



[STEM K-8 Facebook](#)



[STEM PTA Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)

[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



[Mrs. B.'s Library Page](#)



## How to Access STEM's eBook Collection at Home

Our school library has a big selection of eBooks available for students to read at home ... or anywhere they choose!

1. **For mobile devices there are two free apps you can use (we suggest trying them both and finding the one your student likes best). Destiny Quest Mobile (for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)) and Follett BryteWave K-12 (for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)).**

In the Destiny Quest app you can read e-books and also see what books we have in the STEM library collection (this is for information only, students will not be able to check books out and place holds through the app). The BryteWave app is just for reading eBooks but offers some additional features you may enjoy.



Destiny Quest Mobile

- a) Connect to your library – enter **[spscatalog.seattleschools.org](http://spscatalog.seattleschools.org)**
- b) Select **Louisa Boren STEM K-8** from the list.
- c) Login with username: **studentsps** password: **access**



Follett BryteWave K-12

- a) Location – select **Washington (WA)** from drop down menu.
- b) School – enter **Louisa Boren STEM K-8, Seattle, WA** (it will pop up as you begin typing and you will be able to select it.)
- c) Login with username: **studentsps** password: **access**

2. **You can also access our library catalog and eBooks here:**

<http://spscatalog.seattleschools.org/common/welcome.jsp?site=606>

- a) Select the **Louisa Boren STEM K-8** catalog.
- b) Select **material type – Electronic Book (eBook)** from the drop down menu.
- c) You can then search for a key word, title, author, or topic you are interested in. When you find an eBook you would like to read, click on the book title, then click “open”.
- d) Login with username: **studentsps** password: **access**

Contact STEM Librarian Mary Bannister with any questions:  
[mebannister@seattleschools.org](mailto:mebannister@seattleschools.org)



## STEM's FIRST GLOBAL READING CHALLENGE!

This year our 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to read from the list of 10 great [Global Reading Challenge](#) Titles. Seattle Public Libraries sponsors a Trivia Contest or Battle of the Books, Global Reading Challenge!

STEM's in-school competition is the afternoon of **Tuesday, February 23 at 2pm** in the cafeteria. The school's winning team will proceed to the semi-finals on **Friday, March 11 at 10:15am** at the main branch of Seattle Public Library.

We have all of Mr. Daniel's 4th graders on teams and another team from Ms. Newton's class. The 5th graders are currently deciding if they want to compete on teams.

Parents are welcome to attend the event, even if their child didn't personally invite them! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bannister [mebannister@seattleschools.org](mailto:mebannister@seattleschools.org).

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
<u>How Tía Lola Saved the Summer</u>	Julia Alvarez
<u>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</u>	Tom Angleberger
<u>El Deafo</u>	Cece Bell
<u>The One and Only Ivan</u>	Katherine Applegate
<u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u>	Gary L. Blackwood
<u>Tua and the Elephant</u>	R. P. Harris
<u>Heart of A Samurai</u>	Margi Preus
<u>Saving Kabul Corner</u>	N. H. Senzai
<u>Hana's Suitcase on Stage</u>	Karen Levine
<u>P.S. Be Eleven</u>	Rita Williams-Garcia



A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away . . .

**OUT OF THIS WORLD – 2016 STEM K-8 AUCTION**

March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm / The Hall at Fautleroy

**Why does STEM have an Auction?**

PTAs support basic education in Washington State. The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA supports both basics and “extras.” With your support, our students get the basics AND the extras, which is what makes STEM **Out of This World!**

Ticket sales, volunteering information, dessert dash, sponsorship, and donation procurement are **all online** at:

<http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016/homepages/show> or by e-mail: [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org).



**TICKETS ONLINE!**

<http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016/homepages/show>

**Don't want to buy Tickets online?**

Ticket (single) \$60: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket (couple) \$120: \_\_\_\_\_

STEM Teacher / Staff \$0: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor a STEM Teacher / Staff \$60: \_\_\_\_\_

Other donation to support STEM K-8 PTA \$: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made out to STEM K-8 PTA and left in the front office, given to your child's teacher, or mailed to: 5950 Delridge Way, Seattle, WA 98106 BY MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>.

OR e-mail [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org) to arrange credit card payment and ticketing over the phone.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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